

VILLAGE OF JUSTICE  
7800 ARCHER ROAD, JUSTICE, IL  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SECOND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF APRIL

Minutes of Monday, April 27, 2009

Mayor Pro Tem Mary McGee called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**PLEDGE:**

President Pro Tem McGee led the Village Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Village Clerk Kathy Svoboda called the roll. President Wasowicz is absent this evening. Present are Mayor Pro Tem Mary McGee, Trustees: Michael Murray, Jim Gabrys, Ed Jurgel and Rich Berkowicz. Trustee Jeff Kranig is attending electronically. Attorney Sara Gadola of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor, Ltd. is in attendance.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION: Trustee Jurgel so Moves:

SECOND: Trustee Berkowicz

VOTE: Trustees Kranig, Murray, Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz and McGee, aye. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Mayor Pro Tem McGee presented a Proclamation naming the Month of May of 2009 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pro Tem Mary McGee presented a Proclamation naming the Week of May 3, 2009 to May 9, 2009 as Municipal Clerks Week in the Village of Justice. Our own Municipal Clerk Kathy Svoboda was recognized.

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT:**

The spring, village-wide garage sales are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The sales will be advertised in the Daily Southtown and the DesPlaines Valley News for a few weeks preceding the dates. Permits are free of charge and are available in the clerk's office. A list of participating home addresses will be prepared for pick-up, for the convenience of those shopping the sales.

We are seeking residents with artistic talent for an Art Show, scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lipinski Community Center. Painters, sculptors, quilters, jewelry makers or those who express themselves through art that would like to display

their work are encouraged to call the clerk's office to sign up. There will be no charge to the exhibitors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE: - Trustee Mary McGee**

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve payables numbers 1-21 in the amount of \$34,303.05, posted for the period of 04/09/2009 – 04/21/2009, plus re-occurring expenses of \$73,247.16, TIF #1 expenses of \$844.35, TIF #2 expenses of \$945.25, for a total of \$119,339.81.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOTE: Trustees Gabrys, Jurgel, Berkowicz, Kranig and McGee, aye. Trustee Murray abstained since he was representing the Village out of town at the last, regular committee meeting. Five ayes with one abstention. Motion passed.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve a Proposal from Kane and McKenna to perform TIF Audits for TIF #1 and TIF #2, for fiscal years 2007 and 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

MOTION: Trustee Berkowicz so Moves.

SECOND: Trustee Gabrys

VOTE: Trustees Jurgel, Berkowicz, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and McGee, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES – Trustee Gabrys**

Trustee Gabrys asked if the resolution for consideration should be numbered as three or four. The Agenda states the next resolution number is four, but the resolution is numbered 2009-03. Indeed, the number should be Resolution 2009-04.

Trustee Gabrys explained that essentially, our legislators will be considering action to increase revenues to the State of Illinois. There are formulas in place that calculate the distributions of some of these funds to municipalities.

The proposed resolution urges our legislators to keep the current formulas in place, in order to protect the level of income from the State to municipalities and not to further reduce our revenues in these difficult economic times.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys Moves: To approve Resolution 2009-04, A Resolution Urging Passage of a Comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program.

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOTE: Trustees Berkowicz, McGee, Kranig, Murray, Gabrys and Jurgel, aye. All ayes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Mike Murray**

Trustee Murray decided to table action on passing the necessary legislation to join the Fifth District SWAT until the next regular meeting. There are a few questions that need to be answered.

Trustee Murray has no further business for tonight.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION – Trustee Ed Jurgel**

Trustee Jurgel had no report.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING – Trustee Rich Berkowicz**

Trustee Rich Berkowicz reminded all that effective May 1st, the ice cream vendors will be out selling ice cream. We require that the company name and phone number be clearly displayed on the side of each truck. Each vendor is provided a list of rules along with their business licenses.

Revenue for business licenses is down about \$3,500.00 from this same time last year.

Vehicle tags go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and must be displayed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Renewals will be mailed by the end of the month. The signs reminded our residents of the availability of vehicle stickers are being installed.

**BUILDING, PLATS AND ZONING – Trustee Jeff Kranig**

Trustee Kranig stated that he is recovering nicely and should be available to attend the next regular committee meeting, in person.

Trustee Jeff Kranig complimented Mike Murray, Jim Lurquin and Trustee-elect, John Fairman for their successful work during a recent Springfield trip. These gentlemen lobbied our legislators, making a creditable case for funding for some of our capital projects. In particular, the Cork Ave. drainage line and street reconstruction was at the top of our list. They spoke to Chris Rodogno, Mary Flowers, Mike Madigan, Louie Viverito and others.

Our requests were well received and we are hopeful that we will receive some funding for our most crucial projects.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Gadola had no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Committee Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. and follow consecutively.

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

**Committee of the Whole: Closed Session: Review of Closed Session Minutes and the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline or Performance of one or more classes of employees.**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE:** Posted payables, final review of the TIF #3 ordinances for passage, and other matters before the committee.

**BUILDING, PLATS & ZONING:** Any matters before the committee.

**ORDINANCES, LICENSES & PUBLIC PRINTING:** Any new business licenses, amendments to code, or ordinances available for review.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion regarding membership in the 5<sup>th</sup> District SWAT organization and other matters before the committee.

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & RECREATION:** Matters before the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Jim Rinkus asked how many Board Meetings a trustee can miss before forfeiting pay from their salary.

We will check, but recall that it is two regular meeting per year that a trustee can miss.

Mr. Jim Rinkus thanked Trustee Berkowicz for his many years of service as a trustee.

Mr. Mike Perillo asked about the area of the stop sign at 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. He stated that a drain that runs under the street sank. It was filled with asphalt last year but now shows signs of sinking, again. He expects that a repair will require digging up and installing new drain tile at that location.

Trustee Gabrys stated that he would have the problem investigated for a long term solution.

Mr. Perillo then asked about the intersection of 83<sup>rd</sup> and Roberts Road. He stated that it had to be the worst entrance and exit in Justice.

Trustee Berkowicz replied that a study was conducted to see if that would be an appropriate location for a light and that there are seven warrants that need to be evident for a light to be approved. That location did not meet even three of the necessary warrants.

Mr. Perillo continued that he was not necessarily asking for a light but that there is an incline Roberts Road and potholes exist. He also says there is a curb that restricts a turn onto Roberts Road.

Mr. Perillo continued stating that his neighbor has installed a row of large rocks in front of his culvert. This needs to be addressed at 8126 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Where is the chipper? There are piles at the curb that have been there for seven weeks.

Trustee Gabrys replied that the chipper goes out as time allows around other projects and is subject to the weather, since you cannot chip wet branches. We will try to be more efficient with chipping regularly.

Why is the street-sweeper not going down the streets without curbs?

Mr. Gabrys stated that he would look into using the sweeper more on the un-curbed streets.

Mr. Perillo then asked about the pile of mulch at Gotwell Park. He will have to address this issue with the Park District.

There were telephone poles lying by Wilkins School for a year and a half. Mr. Perillo is pleased to see they have finally been removed.

The snow-plowing by our Public Works this year was excellent.

By the way, is our drinking water safe? We aren't allowing any dumping into our waster supply, are we?

We receive Chicago water from the Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission, and our water is of top quality.

Mr. Rich Cerniak asked if we were considering red-light cameras could we also consider installing count down meters to improve the potential safety of the use of the cameras. People would have a much better ability to judge the timing of the lights.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To Adjourn.

MOTION: Trustee Gabrys so MOVES:

SECOND: Trustee Murray

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen Svoboda*  
Village Clerk/Collector